

House File 2069 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying provisions related to the social studies
2 curriculum provided to students enrolled in school districts
3 in grades nine through twelve.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. Five units of the social studies including instruction
4 in voting statutes and procedures, voter registration
5 requirements, the use of paper ballots and voting systems in
6 the election process, and the method of acquiring and casting
7 an absentee ballot. All students shall complete a minimum
8 of one-half unit of United States government and one unit of
9 United States history. The one-half unit of United States
10 government shall include ~~the~~ all of the following:

11 (1) The voting procedure as described in this lettered
12 paragraph and section 280.9A. ~~The government instruction shall~~
13 also include a

14 (2) A study of the Constitution of the United States and the
15 Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution and an assessment
16 of a student's knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of
17 Rights.

18 (3) (a) A requirement that all students, as a condition of
19 graduation, articulate a written explanation demonstrating a
20 proficient understanding of all of the following:

21 (i) The great depression, including multiple schools of
22 economic thinking related to the great depression.

23 (ii) The holodomor, including historical evidence related
24 to communists orchestrating famine to starve political
25 opponents.

26 (iii) The definition and qualities of money, including
27 a history of money and credit in the United States and the
28 function and performance of the federal reserve system.

29 (b) This subparagraph shall not apply to a nonpublic school.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill modifies provisions related to the social studies
34 curriculum provided to students enrolled in school districts
35 in grades 9 through 12.

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1 The bill provides that the one-half unit of United States
2 government instruction that is provided to students enrolled
3 in school districts in grades 9 through 12 as part of the
4 social studies curriculum shall include a requirement that
5 such students, as a condition of graduation, must articulate a
6 written explanation demonstrating a proficient understanding
7 of the great depression, the holodomor, and the definition and
8 qualities of money.